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British Columbia will have nearly 22,000 fewer jobs because of Ottawa's \$170 per tonne carbon tax by 2030

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VANCOUVER—The federal government's plan to impose a \$170 per tonne carbon tax in place nationally by 2030 will result in 21,538 fewer jobs in British Columbia, finds a new study released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan, Canadian public policy think-tank.

"The federal government has said the higher carbon tax will have 'almost zero' impact on the economy, but in fact, a tax of that magnitude will have significant effects on the economy and on Canadian workers across the country, including in B.C.," said Ross McKittrick, a Fraser Institute senior fellow and author of *Estimated Impacts of a \$170 Carbon Tax in Canada*.

The study also finds that a national \$170 per tonne carbon tax will cause a 1.8 per cent drop in Canada's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which in 2019 would represent a loss to the economy of about \$37.8 billion.

B.C.'s economy is projected to contract by 1.6 per cent.

And even taking the carbon tax rebate into account, the average Canadian worker will still have \$1,540 less income every year as a result of the \$170 carbon tax.

"Many previous studies, including some from the federal government itself, have shown that a large carbon tax will have major negative impacts on the economic well-being of Canadians," said Elmira Aliakbari, director of natural resource studies at the Fraser Institute and study co-author.

"Our new study confirms these earlier findings. The government needs to be transparent with Canadians about what the real costs of this policy are likely to be."

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